(b) Sectoral distribution

	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	April-sept. 93–94
	(Rs. Crores)			
Manufacturing sector . .	25759.10	35311.94	44156.99	26360.63
Agriculture and Allied Products .	2890.71	4585.22	5513.43	391.26
Ores & Minerals . . .	1735.43	2291.98	2145.71	116.30
Raw Materials . . .	2473.00	2518.00	2109.00	1203.00

services*

*Foreign trade statistics compiled by DGCI&S, Calcutta, covers 'merchandise' trade only.

(c) % share in total exports

	90–91	91–92	92–93	April- sept. 93
(i) Small scale sector . .	29.7	31.5	31.5	N.A.
(ii) Special export zones .	3.02	2.67	2.58	N.A.
(iii) Organised industries (Manufacturing) . . .	No such data are maintained by DGCI & S.			
(iv) Multinational enterprizes				

(d) The distribution of export in General Currency Area and Rupee Payment Area is given below :—

(Rs. Crores)

	GCA	RPA
1990–91	26892	5661
1991–92	39609	4433
1992–93	51647	2042

With the cessation of rupee trade from 1st April, 1993, the classification of exports into GCA and RPA has been given up from 1993-94.

PRICES OF TOBACCO IN AUCTION FOR FARMERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2374. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco farmers in Andhra Pradesh got less prices in auctions in 1993 as compared to 1991 and 1992 :

(b) whether it is also a fact that tobacco prices fell drastically in 1993 as compared to 1992 prices ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have announced that STC will enter the market to rescue the farmers from traders exploitation; if STC has not entered the reasons for the same ;

(d) whether auction system ensures competition and better returns to tobacco farmers ;

(e) if so, what are the average prices realised by farmers in Andhra Pradesh 1991, 1992 and 1993 and production of Virginia Tobacco in Andhra Pradesh in those years ;

(f) since competition is not ensured in auctions, whether Government are considering to liberalise this auction system allowing 50 per cent of sales outside auctions similar to coffee auctions; and

(g) if not, the reasons with what special steps Government are taking to ensure that Cigarette manufacturers/exporters pay proper prices to farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Though STC had announced its intention to enter the market, it could not do so. It is a fact the STC lacks infrastructural support to make sizeable purchases and in a situation of huge over-production, small purchases by STC at the auctions would not have made much impact on prices.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Crop marketed and average price are given below :

Year	Crop marketed (M.Kgs.)	Av. Price (Rs. /kgs.)
1991	89.16	33.00
1992	132.78	27.63
1993	125.62	20.74

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Allowing 50 per cent sales quota outside auction floors is not contemplated since:

(i) subject to market forces (of demand and supply), auction system ensures maximum competition and hence better prices.

(ii) Past experience shows that growers were subjected no exploitation before introduction of auction system.

(iii) Due to above reasons growers themselves want their tobacco to be sold on Board's auctions floors.

Auction prices depend on demand-supply situation. However Government takes the following steps to ensure better prices for farmers :

(i) Meetings are held at the Tobacco Board and Government level with traders and manufacturers requesting them to pay better prices.

(ii) Trade is persuaded to declare Minimum Guaranteed Price (MGP) for each marketing season.

(iii) Government/Board takes up export promotion measures to motivate the trade to pay better prices.

AVERAGE COST OF PRODUCTION OF BLACK SOILS

2375. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average cost of production of tobacco per Acre in South Black Soils, Central Black Soils, North Black Soils and South Light Soils in Andhra Pradesh in 1992-93 and per acres gross and net returns in these four acres for 1993 marketing seasons ;

(b) what is the total net income of a Tobacco farmer from holding of seven acres of Tobacco Crop in the above said zones in 1993 ; and